

# MINUTES

## FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

**FEBRUARY 23, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m. in Room-117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz – Unlimited Journeyperson, Chairperson  
Robert W. Hollis, III – Contractor  
Kevin Wypychoski – Contractor  
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson  
Luis A. Coreano – Public Member  
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Members Absent: Anthony D. Moscato – Fire Marshal

Board Vacancies: One Public Member  
One Fire Marshal

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon  
Richard M. Hurlburt  
Anthony Santoro, Esq.

Public Present: Tammie Whiting, CT Dept of Labor Apprenticeship Rep

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## **BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION**

Correspondence from Ralph Carl Miller dated February 10, 2012 announcing his resignation from the Board as a result of his retirement as a Fire and Life Safety Supervisor with the Bureau of Engineering at the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The Board expressed their appreciation of Mr. Miller's time served and commitment during his tenure as a Fire Marshal on the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the January 26, 2012 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting with amendments to page-2 under "Applications" to reflect Michael J. Petrocelli's (F-2) application forwarded to DCP Trade Enforcement Division for investigation of fire protection sprinkler work being performed without required fire protection license, and to page-3 under "New Business" to reflect Mr. Booth to file a complaint with DCP Trade Enforcement Division concerning testing of backflow prevention devices being performed in Shelton, CT without proper license, and the Board asking Mr. Leon to send an e-mail to Richard Maloney, DCP Trade Enforcement Director, inviting him to appear before them at their February 23, 2012 meeting to provide them with an annual update concerning Fire Protection complaints in 2011.

## **APPLICATIONS**

### **Mario S. Escandon, N. Windham, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Escandon's application.

### **Drew T. Fletcher, Amston, CT – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Fletcher's application.

## **LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS**

(The Board voted unanimously to review the following late arriving applications)

### **Michael Donovan, Windsor Locks, CT – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Donovan's application.

### **Joseph M. Dzwilewski, Jr., Clinton, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Dzwilewski's application due to lack of required notarized statement from occupational employer(s) attesting to his dates and duties of employment.

### **Timothy J. McSherry, New Milford, CT – (F-3) Limited Contractor – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. McSherry's application.

### **Raymond H. Pitcher, Medford, MA – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Pitcher's application.

### **William H. Seward, Sutton, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Seward's application due to lack of required notarized statement from occupational employer(s) attesting to his dates and duties of employment.

### **Frank Zalesny, Poughkeepsie, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Zalesny's application due to lack of required notarized statement from occupational employer(s) attesting to his dates and duties of employment.

## **REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE**

### **Kevin J. Malarney, Branford, CT – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor (Lapsed 10/31/10)**

Mr. Malarney did not appear today and the Board took no action.

## **DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT**

1. Complaint status report was provide today.
2. The Board is requesting a monthly list of opened complaints as well as closed complaints.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Booth reported Aquarium performing backflow prevention test work without a fire protection sprinkler license and asked Mr. Hurlburt if such testing requires a license. Mr. Hurlburt said that if testing is the only procedure taking place, a license through the department of public health is required to perform such test. Mr. Hurlburt said that under CT General Statute Chapter 393, Section 20-330(9), the “scope of work” is defined as “installation, alteration, maintenance or repair”. Mr. Waskowicz said that if you are testing a fire protection sprinkler system, you are engaging in the maintenance of the system in that you are impairing the system by trip testing it, which requires a fire sprinkler license. Once you trip test the system you have to shut it down and reset the valve. This type of work is in fact “maintenance” work. Trip testing a system is part of the required inspection and maintenance of the system under NFPA system maintenance requirements.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Hurlburt reported draft legislation to penalize mechanical contractors employing ten license individuals who fail to register their business as a “Mechanical Contractor”. Mr. Hurlburt also reported on proposed legislation to extend the time period for renewing a lapsed license.

### **2012 Meeting Schedule**

#### **9:00 a.m. in Room-117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford**

- **January 26 – Thursday**
- **February 23 – Thursday**
- **March 22 – Thursday**
- **April 19 – Thursday**
- **May 17 – Thursday**
- **June 14 – Thursday**
- **July 12 – Thursday**
- **August 9 – Thursday**
- **September 6 – Thursday**
- **October 4 – Thursday**
- **November 1 – Thursday**
- **November 29 – Thursday**
- **December 27 – Thursday**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon  
Board Secretary

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in Room-117.**